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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed:	October 3, 2001	)
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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECONSTRUCTING A LIGAMENT	)
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Examiner:	Javier G. Blanco	)
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.